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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 12, 2002; Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and have submitted this amendment with the RCE. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

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1. (Twice amended) A method for controlling scanning devices using control sheets, comprising the method comprising:

starting an imaging job having multiple sheets;

locating a control image on a control sheet within said imaging job, wherein the control sheet could be located anywhere within the imaging job;

processing control instructions from said control image; and

creating output in accordance with said control instructions.

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2. (Once amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said imaging job is an image acquisition task.